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Reading Comprehension

1. All the students at the open university must be_________.
   A. less than 21 years old   B. less than 20 years old
   C. no less than 21 years old   D. full-time workers

2. The university is called “open” because its students_______.
   A. can be very young or very old
   B. are not given examinations before they start studying
   C. are people who just left school
   D. must study full-time

3. The known group was_________.
   A. the people who started the open university
   B. the young people who wanted to go to university
   C. the people who were at school 20 years ago
   D. the people who did not go to university when they were young

4. Most of the teaching is done_______.
   A. on radio and television
   B. at one of 283 study centers in the country
   C. in the classrooms at the open university
   D. in summer

5. The open university student can study full-time_______.
   A. every weekend
   B. 36 weeks a year
   C. at the end of the first year
when the students of other universities spend their summer holidays

详注

1. This is one example of how the open university is different from all other universities. 这是开放大学不同于所有其它大学的一个例子。

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此句由 why 引导表语从句。why 引导表语从句时，有时失去疑问词本身的含义，表示“……的原因”。例如：

That’s why he didn’t go to school. 这就是他没有上学的原因。

3. a known group 众所周知/已知的人群

known 作“大家知道的，知名的，已知的”解。如：a nationally known advanced unit（全国闻名的先进单位）。

4. The idea was to teach “on the air”, … 其想法是“通过广播”进行教学，……

此句中 to teach “on the air”是动词不定式短语作表语。例如：

His wish is to become a doctor. 他的愿望是想当一个医生。

5. But this, on its own, is not enough for a university education. 但对大学教育来说光靠这个是不够的。

6. receives advice 在上下文中，意为“接受学习指导”。

10. 3 out of every 4 students passed their examinations. 每 4 个学生中有 3 个通过了考试。

译文

开放大学的有些学生 20 年前就离开了学校，还有一些学生更年轻些，但所有的学生必须至少 21 岁。这就是开放大学不同于其它任何大学的一个实例。这些学生要么是在职人员，要么是整天待在家里的人，如家庭主妇。在入学之前，他们不必经过任何考试，这就是为什么大学被称为“开放”的原因。开办这种大学就是为了帮助一个众所周知的群体——那些在年轻时错过了接受大学教育的人。

开放大学最初叫“空中大学”。其想法是“通过广播”进行教学，换句话说，就是通过收音机和电视进行教学。大部分教学都是这样进行的。收音机和电视把课堂带到了人们的家里。但对大学教育来说，光靠这个是不够的。全国有 283 个学习指导中心，开放大学的学生
要在其中的一个接受学习指导。一年里有 36 个星期，他必须把书面作业寄到他的辅导老师那里。每年夏季，他还必须做三个星期的全日制学生。辅导老师和学生见面，并在一起学习，就像其它大学一样。在开放大学第一学年结束时，结果令人满意，四分之三的学生通过了考试。如果他们每年都这样学习的话，四到五年就可完成学业。